The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, October 10, 1726.

From the St. James's Evening Post Octob. 1.

Petersburgh, Sept 7.

THirty six Ships are sailed hence with Manufactures and other Merchandices, designed in Part for the Oriental Company at Derbent and Astracan. They will pass the Lakes of Ladoga and Onega for Moscow; and a Ship may, with the Help of Oars on board, make above 36 Worstes in 24 Hours. Her Majesty has it very much at Heart to improve the Manufactures of Novogrod, Smolensko, &c. They write from Persia, that 180,000 Turks are posted near Ispahan, with Design to reduce that City by Famine. The Answer of the States General to the Memorial presented by Count Gallowin the Czarina's Plenipotentiary, with respect to the Interests of the Duke of Holstein-Gottorp, has been received here with great Satisfaction, and is in Substance as follows.

"That their High Mightinesses have always had "a very great Regard for the Recommendations "of her Imperial Majesty, particularly when they "are employed in favour of a Prince so nearly allied "and united to her Imperial Majesty as is the Duke "of Holstein, in whom they have a very great "Friendship and Esteem: That their High Mightinesses have shewn upon many Occasions, and "particularly when the late Treaty of Travendal "was concluded, how much they were inclined to "promote the Advancement of the Interest of the "House of Gottorp: That tho' since that Treaty "several Things have happened in which their "High Mightinesses had no Concern, yet they al"ways had, and do still preserve, the same Inclina"tions to give the Duke of Holstein Proofs of their "Friendship, as far as Time, and the Situation "of Affairs will permit: That their High Mighti"nesses still desire nothing more earnestly, than "the Tranquillity and Peace of Europe may be "mantained: That they have entered into no En"gagement, and don't design to enter into any "that be contrary to it, or which may tend to "the Prejudice of any one whatsoever, and much "less of her Imperial Majesty and the Duke of Hol"stein, with whom they have the Honour to be "in Friendship, it not being their Custom to enter "into any other Engagements but such as tend to "the Preservation of their Liberty, Rights, and "Possessions, and those of their Allies: That more"over, their High Mightinesses are very much o"bliged to her Imperial Majesty for the Assuran"ces she has been pleased to give them again by the "Count de Golofskin, of her Affection for their "Republick, which they intreat her Imperial Ma"jesty to continue to them; and that on their Part "they shall always manifest their high Esteem for "her, and their sincere Intention to cultivate and "augment the good Understanding which reigns "between her Imperial Majesty and the Republick, "and betwixt the Subjects on both Sides, &c.

Rome, Sept. 14. The Pretender's eldest Son went Yesterday to pay a Visit to his Mother in St. Cecilia's Nunnery, and staid with her above two Hours. Madam Sodeschi, who actually waits on the Pretender's Lady as one of her Gentlewomen, goes almost every Day to his Palace, and returns that Night to her Princess in the Nunnery.

The Virtuosoes having observed, that in the Garden of the Quirinal, a Plant brought from the Indies has blossom'd lately, contrary to Custom, after its usual blooming Season was gone and over; they fancy, and even give out that it is an ill Omen for the Holy See, the same Thing having happened under the Pontificate of Leo X. who gave Henry VIII. of England the Title of *Defender of the Faith.*

Geneva, Sept. 24. The Lord Spencer, Grandson to the late Duke of Marlborough, and another English Nobleman, in the Tour they made lately to Switzerland, each with a Valet de Chambre, found in a Wood, two Leagues distant from Bern, a Man whom two Highwaymen had stripped and tied to a Tree, after having robbed him of about 25 Crowns and all his Cloaths. These Lords having been told by him which Way the Robbers went, they followed them full Gallop, and having overtaken them, they tied them to Trees, after having made them restore what they had taken from the poor Man, and sent for Officers from the next Place, who secured them.

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Petersburg, Sept. 7. We are very inquisitive here to know, how much longer Admiral Wager intends to stay with the united Squadrons in the Bay of Revel, because he has taken a vast Quantity of Provisions on board his Ships.

Bristol, Sept. 27. About 5 Weeks since, at our hot-Wells, a younger Brother having run his elder Brother thro' the Back into the Belly, and given him also 3 Stabs in the Belly, and one thorow the Arm; then stabbed himself in 6 Places in the Belly, wounding his Intestines in several Parts. These Gentlemen, tho' in such desperate Circumstances, are both perfectly recovered, by the Ingenuity of Mr. William Thornhill, an eminent Surgeon in this City, and noted for his great Skill in the dangerous Operation of cutting for the Stone, which he performs in a Method called the *High Operation*, and with almost infallible Success: Not one in six of the many he has cut within these few Years, having miscarried. He cut lately one Mr. Blackmore, a Person of upwards of 60 Years, out of whose Bladder he extracted two large Stones near as big as an Hen's Egg, and perfectly recovered him.

Benefit TICKETS *drawn on Thursday the 29th, and Friday the 30th, being the 10th and 11th Days.*

Num.	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value*
42808	100	4877	100	78446	100
73097	100	48395	1000	55838	500
69165	100	19364	100	27538	100
7033	1000	433417	100		

And 256 of 20 L. each

Total drawn from the Beginning, 1569.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, October 1.

Stockholm, Sept. 18. On the 12th Instant the Deputies of the General Diet of the States of the Kingdom were called together by the Sound of Drums and Trumpets. The two next Days were employed in examining and registring their full Powers; and next Day the Count de Horn, a Senator and President of the Chancery, was chose a second time Marshal of the Diet, with the universal Applause of the well-affected, by a great Majority against his Competitor the Count de Lilienstrom. Next Thursday or Friday the several States of the Kingdom are to assemble in their Robes in the Great Hall of the Palace, where the King in his Royal Robes will come to a Throne already erected for him, and then make the Propofals on which the Four States are to deliberate.

Dublin, Sept. 24. Next Thursday, being Michaelmas Day, a large fat Ox will be run for betwixt Santry and Swords, by six fat Bullocks without Bridle or Halter, to be guided only by Goads; and afterwards a Roll of Tobacco to be *grinned* for at the Market-cross of Swords.

Hitchin, Sept. 6. Last Monday a young Gentleman of this Neighbourhood was found hang'd in his Father's Barn; 'tis supposed to have been occasioned by some Uneasiness on account of his Wife.

Chelmsford ---- Not long ago a poor blind Man who sells Walnuts, being accompanied by a young Fellow from Market, was robb'd by him near Lord Albemarle's Park; but the blind Man coming afterwards to the same Market, went to a publick House where he told his Loss: Upon which, every one expressing their Abhorrence of such a Villainy, the old Man distinguished the Voice that had demanded his Money; and upon his getting a Warrant, the young Fellow owned the Fact, and was committed to Prison.

London, October 1. We hear that her Highness the Princess Amelia is indisposed.

The State of the Lottery.

Chief Prizes put in the Wheel.	*Drawn.*	*Undrawn.*
1 of 20000 l.	0	1
2 of 10000 l.	1	1
2 of 5000 l.	0	2
3 of 3000 l.	1	2
5 of 2000 l.	1	4
28 of 1000 l.	10	18
49 of 500 l.	8	41
360 of 100 l.	73	287
8000 Benefits	1569	6433

From the Flying Post, October 1.

Rome, Sept. 14. Monday last, Mr. Cornecho the Spanish Minister received a Courier from Madrid, with Advice, as 'tis reported, that his Catholick Majesty nominated the Prince Emanuel of Portugal, to be included in the next Promotion of Cardinals, as a Subject of the Crown; but the reality of this is very much questioned, because Princes of his Rank are honoured with the Purple without any Recommendation, whenever they desire it. Last Tuesday Night, the secret Consistory being summoned for next Day, the Portuguese Ambassador went to an Audience of the Pope, to desire him to remember M. Bichi, but all the Answer he had, that Tomorrow they should see what was to be done. And next Day as soon as Hercules de Fleury, the Bishop of Frejus, was created a Cardinal, the Cardinal

dinal Pereira left the Conſiſtory and went home much diſguſted; and we are aſſured, that next Monday, if M. Bichi be not alſo made a Cardinal, the Miniſters and all the Natives of Portugal will ſet out for Lisbon, to the great Prejudice of this City, where 'tis computed they lay out half a Million every Year.

Vienna, Sept. 21. The Count de Fretag, the Emperor's Miniſter at Stockholm writes Word, That the Ruſſian Miniſter thro' over-much Zeal has rather retarded, than advanced that Court's Acceſſion to the Vienna Treaty, which had given Admiral Wager an Opportunity to aſſure the Senate of Sweden, that he was in a Condition with his Squadron to protect that Crown againſt the Menaces of the Ruſſians, if they would finiſh their Acceſſion to the Treaty of Hanover.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France, and two from Holland.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, October 5.

THE Court of Vienna, which is daily taken up in the Conſideration of the preſent Poſture of Affairs of Europe, and of ſtrengthning themſelves by new Allies, have lately diſpatch'd ſeveral Expreſſes to their Miniſters at Foreign Courts, and particularly to their Miniſter at Sweden, to uſe, in Conjunction with the Miniſters of Ruſſia, their utmoſt Efforts for diſſwading the Senators from agreeing to the Treaty of Hanover; and they flatter themſelves with the Hopes of Succeſs, not only from the large Offers made to Sweden, but their Aſſurance of always having the Aſſiſtance and Protection of ſuch a powerful Neighbour as is the Czarina; who has lately written a Letter with her own Hand to the K. of Sweden on the ſame Subject: And as Letters from Petersburg adviſe, that ſhe deſigns to keep in Pay 12000 Seamen next Year, there appears no Indication of her being diſpoſed to accept of the Terms offered for ſettling the Peace and Tranquillity of the North. And as to the South, we do'nt find any great Likelihood of a ſpeedy Compliance with the Terms propoſed.

We are told, that purſuant to an Order of his Catholick Majeſty, a Detachment was making out of each Regiment of Foot, in order to be ſent to the Coaſts of the Mediterranean; That 3 Men of War which were built lately in the Port of St. Andero, were ſailed for Cadix; and ſeveral others are building in the Docks of Gallicia and Andaluſia.

Letters from Palermo of the 6th and 7th ſay, That all are in Confuſion there; That Words can ſcarce expreſs the deſolation of the Inhabitants, occaſioned by the dreadful Earthquake on the firſt of ſaid Month, which laſted 25 Minutes, and deſtroyed moſt Part of the Houſes: In the Quarter of St. Clara the Earth opened with a dreaful Noiſe, out of which iſſued Flame and Lime Stones, and a Stream of burning Sulphure, ſo that the whole Quarter was laid in Aſhes in 15 Minutes. Among the ruin'd Buildings are the Palaces of the Princes of Rona, Palemberg, of the Dukes of Montalb, Buſoky and Sylvago, and the Cloiſter of Mercy; and that above 3000 Perſons were buried in the Aſhes. The Earthquake happening about 11 at Night, great Numbers of Women and Children, were ſeen running naked thro' the Streets, without noticing where they were going, ſo that many of them fell into the Openings of the Earth and were ſwallowed up alive; That the Governour did all he could to keep back the People, who crowded Heels over Head out of the Gates, and perſwaded them to aſſiſt in quenching the Flame. But the Terror and Confuſion was ſo great that it availed little, and the Garriſon it ſelf was ſo confuſed, that they were uncapable of contributi g any Thing. The Inhabitants near the Water Side, climbed up the Ships and Veſſels, and moſt of the People ſtill keep out of their Houſes and lodge in Tents and Huts in the Fields without the Gates; That the Earthquake was alſo at Carini, Montreal, Salerni, Connangone, and did great Damage there and in other Places.

Some People inſinuate, That a certain Court is not very well pleaſed with the Anſwer given by the States General to the Memorial relating to the D. of Holſtein's Intereſt.

On the 15th Inſt. 3 Men of War will be launched at Deptford.

This Day No. 55747, a Prize of 2000 l. came up at Guildhall; and another of 1000 l. to No. 65501. S. S. Stock is ſaln to 102, 1 half.

A Report is ſpread, and ſeems to be credited, That the Marquis de Grimaldo, Secretary of State in Spain, and who was ſuppoſed to be more diſpoſed for Peace than War, is removed from that Employment.

From the Daily Journal, Octob. 4.

Madrid, Sept. 16. The late Duke of Ormond is returned hither from St. Ildefonſo. We continue to work on the Fortifications near Corunna, where is arrived a conſiderable Number of Troops, with

9000

9000 Militia. Some English Men of War continue to cruize between Corunna and Cape Finisterre.

Gradna, Sept. 19. This Day the King arrived here in perfect Health from Warsaw, accompanied by several Senators of the Crown, and the rest are immediately expected in order to open the Diet To-morrow. We have Advice from the Frontiers, that the Commission is at last fixed for regulating the Limits between his Imperial Majesty and Poland.

Stockholm, Sept. 25. On the 19th the General Diet of the Kingdom was opened here with great Solemnity. We have private Letters from Vienna of the 26th past which say, that a Congress was to be held at Cologn in November next between several Powers of Europe.

From the Flying Post, Octob. 4.

Solingen, Sept. 23. A new Quarrel is broke out between the K. of Sardinia and the Republic of Genoa; and every Body is impatient to see the Consequence of the Undertaking, the two States seeming resolved to declare War against each other.

They write from Paris, that the Famous Mr. John Law is dead at Munich.

London, October 4. They say now, that the Pretender's Journey to Bologna is laid aside, because the Pope won't give him his Audience of Leave.

Letters from Stockholm and Dantzick say, that the Confederate Fleet was sailed from before Nargen towards Gothland.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 7.

Brussels, Oct. 3. The Government has received Advice, That the Dutch have thrown up new Lines, made Dikes and cut Trenches from Bergen-op Zom, to Steenberg, and are repairing the Fortifications of their Frontier Towns on the Scheld, both in Flanders and Brabant.

Copenhagen, Sept. 29. Two Fregates from Revel, have brought the unwelcome News, That a Vessel loaded with Provisions for our Squadron, was unfortunately cast away.

Edinburgh, October 10. On Friday last that virtuous Princess Her Grace the Dutchess Dowager of Gordon, arrived at her Lodgings in Canongate from Stobhall.

We hear that two Women who have been some Time in the Tolbooth for the Murther of their own Babes, did last Week receive their Indictment.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Fishery-Office, Sept. 6, 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Copartnery are to Expose to publick Sale at their Office on *Tuesday* the EIGHTEENTH of October next, at Three after Noon, at the following low Rates for the Encouragement of Bidders, viz. — One Lot, containing 7 C. 1 Qr. 23 lb. Coils and Pieces of new Ropes, at 25 sh. per Hundred ——— One ditto, containing 4 new Herring-Nets, at 3 L. sterl. each Net ——— Eight ditto, containing 110 undress'd Nets, at 10 sh. sterl. each Net ——— Utensils for a Twine work per Inventary, to be set up at L. 9. 7. 8. sterl. ——— Ditto, for the Cod-fishing as per Inventary, to be set up at L. 14. 1. 8. sterl. ——— Ditto for a Barking-house per ditto, to be set up at L. 14. 16. 4.

The above Goods will be shewn at Leith by *David Dacr* the Copartnery's Agent; and the Inventary and Articks of Roup, at the Copartnery's Office in the Lawn-market.

Inverness, Sept. 13, 1726.

Last Evening a Detachment of Colonel GRANT's Company, under Command of David Grant Brother to Delrachny, brought in here two Thieves; for whom *Lauchlan Mac-Intosh*, Shop-keeper in this Place, appear'd in great Warmth, and was then, and formerly on many Occasions heard to express himself maliciously against the said David Grant; and to consummate his Malice and bloody Design, had lodged a Mob in an obscure Corner of the Kirk street, arm'd with Swords, Battons, &c. and betwixt the Hours of 7 & 8 that Evening, the Murderer caused one of his Accomplices, in a seeming Friendship, decoy Mr. Grant from his Lodging towards the Place where the Mob was lodged: The said *Lauchlan* having walked before them at some Distance with his Cloak about him, and a *Small* Sword hid below, stept amongst the Mob, threw off his Cloak, and drew his Sword there: Mr. Grant having by this Time been led up opposite to the Place where the Mob was, the Murderer then surprizingly rush'd out in the dark, and thrust Mr. Grant thro' the Belly; whereupon he having drawn his Broad Sword and in his Agony making some Strokes at the Assasin, the Mob broke out, and some of them thrust a *small Sword* under Mr. Grant's Left *Shoulder* thro' his Body, until the *Sword* was six Inches out, a little above the Nipple of the Right Breast, and there left the Sword; of which Wounds Mr. Grant died this Morning. The said Assasin has since absconded; but the Villain who gave the Thrust by the Back is not yet fully discovered. Whoever therefore apprehends the said Murderer, and farther detects the Wretch who gave the Back-thrust, so as they or either of them can be brought to Justice, shall have from JAMES GRANT of GRANT One Hundred Pound sterl. for Reward.

*** On Thursday the 20th of this present Month of October, at the Town of Thorahill, pertaining to James Drummond of Blair Drummond, lying betwixt the Rivers of Forth and Taith, six Miles West of *Stirling*, continues to be held the yearly Fair for Horses, Black Cattle, Sheeps Cloath, &c. free of all Customs. A Sadle to be run for by Galloways.

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